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FOR H AND ARA/PCC - MICKE MAHONEY

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT BY CODEL REUSS

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1. EMBASSY WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN REUSS AND OTHER CONGRESSMEN AND TO ORGANIZE PROGRAM TO MAXIMIZE CONTACTS WITH BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS AND EXPOSURE TO IFI DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AS WELL AS TO PERMIT ACQUANINTANCE WITH A SELECTION OF BRAZILIAN CITIES. OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE BRAZILIAN PORTION OF THE TRIP IS THAT CODEL TRAVEL DIRECTLY FROM ARGENTINA TO SALVADOR, BAHIA ON JANUARY 11, PROCEED TO BRASILIA ON JANUARY 12 AND ARRIVE IN RIO ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY 13.

2. PRINCIPLE REASON FOR PROPOSAL TO FLY DIRECTLY TO SALVADOR IS TO PERMIT VISITS TO IDB-FINANCED PROJECTS IN THE AREA, WHICH INCLUDE TWO VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS, A SMALL INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTER,
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AND A MAJOR PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT. SALVADOR IS A MAJOR REGIONAL FOCUS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO IS A CITY OF MAJOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL DISCTINCTION. PROJECT VISITS COULD BE CONDUCTED THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 11 AND THE MORNING OF JANUARY 12.

3. THE CODEL WOULD PROCEED TO BRASILIA ON JANUARY 12 FOR BRIEFING BY THE AMBASSADOR AND COUNTRY TEAM DURING THE AFTERNOON AND RECEPTION

IN THE EVENING. PROPOSED SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT FULL DAY OF WORKING SESSIONS ON JANUARY 13 WITH GOB OFFICIALS. WE BELIEVE CONGRESSMAN REUSS AND PARTY SHOULD CALL ON FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN, MINISTER OF PLANNING VELLOSO, CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT PAULO LIRA, COUNTER PARTS

IN THE BRAZILIAN CONGRESS, AND PERHAPS FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA AND OTHERS DEPENDING ON THEIR SPECIFIC INTERESTS. EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT THAT PARTY WILL BE WELL RECEIVED BY BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. AT THE CONCLUSION OF MEETINGS IN BRASILIA, THE CODEL COULD PERHAPS PROCEED TO RIO THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, IF IT WISHES TO EXTEND ITS TIME IN BRAZIL TO INCLUDE PART OF THE WEEKEND IN THE COUNTRY'S ACKNOWLEDGED INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL CAPITAL. ALTERNATIVELY THE CODEL MIGHT STOP IN RIO PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN BRASILIA. IN ORDER TO ASSURE ADEQUATE TIME FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM IN SALVADOR, HOWEVER, THE VISIT IN RIO WOULD HAVE TO BE RELATIVELY BRIEF. A THIRD ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE FOR A RIO-BRRASILIA-

SALVADOR SEQUENCE BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE PROJECT VISITS TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AND THIS MIGHT REDUCE THEIR VALUE IF THE VARIOUS FACILITIES DO NOT OPERATE ON WEEKENDS.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CODEL CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED PROGRAM AND/OR OTHER SUGGESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO PERMIT EARLY DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARATIONS WITH IDB AND GOB OFFICIALS.

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